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SUBJECT: FRG T-33'S FOR GREECE AND TURKEY

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1. THE FOREIGN OFFICE, IN A NOTE VERBALE DATED JANUARY 20, HAS REQUESTED EX POST FACTO PERMISSION FROM THE US TO TRANSFER SEVENTEEN T-33'S TO GREECE.

AN INFORMAL EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF THE NOTE FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT: THE BUNDESWEHR HAS SELECTED TWENTY-THREE T-33 AIRCRAFT AND SPARE PARTS FROM PREVIOUS US DELIVERIES.

1. SEVENTEEN OF THESE SELECTED AIRCRAFT HAVE BEEN DELIVERED TO GREECE AT THE END OF JUNE 1975 WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF BUNDESWEHR GRANT SURPLUS MATERIAL. AS A RESULT OF AN UNFORTUNATE ERROR, OBTAINING OF THE TIMELY US RELEASE WAS OVERLOOKED. IT IS REQUESTED THAT THIS RELEASE BE GRANTED AFTER THE FACT.

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THREE FURTHER SELECTED T-33 AIRCRAFT WILL BE

DELIVERED TO GREECE ALSO IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE BUNDESWEHR GRANT SURPLUS MATERIAL PROGRAM. THESE AIRCRAFT WILL BE USED AT THE NATO RANGE AT NAMFI, CRETE BY THE GREEK AIR FORCE AS TOWING AIRCRAFT FOR TARGETS. THE AIRCRAFT HAVE ALREADY BEEN CONVERTED TO TOWING AIRCRAFT AT GERMAN EXPENSE AND WILL SERVE FOR THE TRAINING OF BUNDESWEHR SOLDIERS ON 20 MM ANTI-AIRCRAFT WEAPONS. A CORRESPONDING TRAINING PROGRAM FOR BUNDESWEHR SOLDIERS IS OVERDUE. BECAUSE OF THE PRESSING NATURE OF THIS CASE, THE QUICKEST POSSIBLE RESPONSE IS REQUESTED AS TO WHETHER THE UNITED STATES IS INTERESTED IN REPURCHASING THE AIRCRAFT OR WHETHER THEY ARE RELEASED FOR DELIVERY TO GREECE.

2. THE REMAINING THREE T-33 AIRCRAFT HAVE BEEN SET ASIDE FOR DELIVERY TO TURKEY ALSO WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE BUNDESWEHR GRANT SURPLUS MATERIAL PROGRAM. WE WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE LEARNING WHETHER THE UNITED STATES IS INTERESTED IN REPURCHASING THESE AIRCRAFT. IF THIS IS NOT THE CASE, PROVISIONAL APPLICATION FOR RELEASE FOR DELIVERY TO TURKEY IS REQUESTED AS SOON AS THIS IS POSSIBLE ON THE BASIS OF THE AMERICAN LEGAL SITUATION. END TEXT.

2. ACTION REQUESTED: AS REPORTED REFTTEL, THIS IS THE NOTE WE HAD BEEN EXPECTING FROM THE FOREIGN OFFICE. PROMPT GUIDANCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT IS REQUESTED. HILLENBRAND

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